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FROM BEVERLEY ROBINSON, ESQ. 1

ALBANY 23d July 1756

DR. SIR/

Your favour of ye 1.1th June I rcd at this place the 14th Inst. for wh I am Very much Obliged to you, and am quite Ashamed I have never answered your first, but as I have had Very Little to say worth Communicating to you hope you will Excuse me

Your Lettr Inclosed to me I immediately Return to New York under Cover where I make no doubt it got safe, and Likewise forwarded the one for our friend Child. I am extreamly Affected with the Bad Accots you give me of ye Situation of poor Virginia as I Still Retain the greatest good Wishes for that Collony, and hope the Expeditions this Way may Divert ye Enemy from investing your frontiers till ye America Regiment can be Raised which I believe is principally intend for your protection.

I have been in this Town about a month and I shall Return is quite uncertain our Governor having placed me here to forward ye provisions & everything Else Supplyed by this province for ye Crown point Expedition but as there are three of us appointed for that Service I hope to be Returned soon by one of them —

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The provinces altogether has Raised about 6000 men now Effective Commanded by Genl. Winslow, the main Body of them are now as far as fort Edward [ye upermost fort on the Hudsons River] with all their Train &c &c, The present plan of Operations for ye Campaign is that Winslow with ve provintials shall make ve first Attack on Crown point by themselves the Regular Army is only to March after them and take possession of ye ground as they leave it to be Near at hand to Support them in Case of an Accident this plan I believe was agreed to only to please ye New England men for which I am afraid they will Severely feel ye Rod of Correction, for it seems to me they are going on headlong to Destruction, but they must try and are above having either Regulars or Indians with them, agreeable to this plan Collo Burton with ye 48th Regt Marched after them and Otways & ye Highlanders will follow as soon as their Camp Equipage Arrives whise Expected every day, Genl. Abercromby & Colo Webb are now in this place, and If I may presume to give my Opinion of such great men must say that I think them Very Clever Worthy men particularly ye Latter, who I believe will go Very Soon with ye 44th. Regt. to Oswego to Secure that place where every thing is in the greatest Disorder & Confusion, and ye place thretned every day with an Attack from ye Enemy, Collo Bradstreet who has ye Management of The Battoes & Transportation of Provisions to Oswego in his Return from thence about ye 10th Instant was attacked by about 5 or 600 french & Indians, against whom he Bravely Defended himself & killd 80 or 90 of them by ye Scalps & Guns &c his people brought off & put ye whole to ye Rout. We had 24 Wounded & 40 or 50 Killed and missing some of wh has since got to Oswego

Capt Rogers who Commands a Company of Rangers two days ago brought in 6 prisoners & 4 Scalps wh he took on Lake Champlain and Destroyed two Large Battoes Loaded with provisions going to Crown point, we have people frequently Scalped & taken in this Neighbourhood.

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Majr Dobbs is posted at ye German Flatts in ye way to Oswego where I believe he is like to Continue & has Little prospect of Joyning ye Regulars this Camphain, Lieut Godfry Rowe has agreed for a Lieut in ye 44th. Regt

Please to give my Compty. to Capt Merser and Lett him know his Uncle is Very Well, I have Red his Lettr & will Write him as soon as I have any thing New as you will be kind Enough to Communicate to him ye News above, I shall be Extreamly Glad of ye Continuance of your Correspondence and Am

Dr. Sr. Yr Afft friend BEV. ROBINSON Lord Loudon is Expected every hour —

1 Beverley, son of John Robinson [President of the Council and Acting Governor of Virginia from June 20 to his death in September, 1749] and grandson of Christopher Robinson, of "Cleasby," in Yorkshire, England, who settled about 1666 at "Hewick," near Urbanna, Middlesex County, Va. Beverley Robinson moved to New York, and married Susannah, daughter of Frederick Phillipse, who owned an immense estate on the Hudson River; became wealthy, adhered to the King in the American Revolution, and was commissioned Colonel of the Loyal American Regiment, and commanded also the corps called Guides and Pioneers. His son Beverley was Lieutenant-Colonel of the first. Peace being declared, Colonel Robinson, with a portion of his family, went to England, and resided at Thornbury, near Bath; died in 1792—BROCK.